

TALENT Coverage of Cuba

1. At the close of a COMOR "working group" meeting held on 17 May to discuss communications procedures, it was announced as an additional item that authority had been granted for one TALENT flight in support of CINCLANT/CINCLANTFLT requirements in Cuba. It is understood that this flight is planned on or about 24 May; that processing of the film is to be accomplished on a priority basis at Eastman, and that readout is to be accomplished at NPIC on a regular shift basis. It is further understood that the film is to be flown to and from Eastman. The Navy representative was queried as to the acceptability of this schedule to the Navy.

2. It is desired that an immediate photo interpretation report be furnished to CINCLANT by message during the next working day following the mission, and that a CINCLANT/CINCLANTFLT representative view the film at NPIC to select frames to be printed for his use; these prints to be prepared on a priority basis. Provided these conditions can be met, the Navy accepts the proposed schedule as the fastest possible means short of emergency procedures.

3. It should be emphasized that the requirement for weekly coverage of specific areas of Cuba presented by reference (c) and endorsed by COMOR is still valid. In view of the time which will have elapsed since the last coverage of CINCLANT's monthly requirements as stated in reference (a) and modified by reference (b), it is recommended that the flight proposed for 24 May cover both weekly and monthly requirements:

References: (a) Navy Mbr, COMOR ltr ser NT-00075 of 27 Apr 1961
(b) Navy Mbr, COMOR ltr ser NT-00083 of 5 May 1961
(c) Navy Mbr, COMOR ltr ser NT-000101 of 12 May 1961

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